

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 4, 2009 meeting

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Acting Chairman, Al Cyr, called the meeting to order at 7:35.
2. PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell. Also attending:
Kathleen Paterson, Chris Kueffner, Mary Bacon, Anne Wiant-Rudd,
Rebecca Canfield

3. Minutes of the September 3, 2008, meeting were approved.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

Kathleen Patterson updated the committee about the Storrs Farmers Market's plans for 2009.

New Business

5. Chris Kueffner explained the proposed Working Farms Action Plan in the Mansfield 2020 Strategic Plan. The committee decided to review the plan and draft comments at their next meeting.

6. Rebecca Canfield presented an overview of Local Routes (UConn's local food buying program) and the local providers involved in the program. The committee suggested possible additional local providers and the need to raise the state's spending limit for special vendors that provide local food to UConn. The committee discussed drafting a letter in support of such an increase.

7. The committee plans to meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:20.